feasible for sewage to be used after a certain degree of treatment for growing fish. Similarly, organic content of city garbage can be converted into compost to be used for growing crops and vegetables.

(b) The Government of India has constituted a National Waste Management Council under the Ministry of Environment and Forests to promote waste management in all its aspects by collecting, and disseminating information on urban municipal, industrial and rural waste management.

New farm insurance scheme

620. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Standing Advisory Committee has proposed a new farm insurance scheme; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when Government propose to implement the scheme for the welfare of the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Implementation of land ceiling laws

621. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to strictly implement the land ceiling laws and distribute surplus land to the landless and marginal farmers; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take for strict implementation of land-ceiling laws as a time-bound programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Prime Minister has recently addressed a letter to the Chief Ministers of the State Governments and UTs regarding the need for on the-spot verification of the land occupation and land records with the assistance of organisations of rural poor, agricultural workers and Gram Sabhas for unearthing benami transactions in land so that these lands could be secured for allotment to the rural landless poor.

States have also been requested to ensure that wherever land has been alloted to the landless poor, these lands should be put into the physical possession of the allottees and any hindrance to the occupation of such land by the allottees is removed. Assistance for development of these lands should also be provided to the allottees under various schemes including IRDP, JRY and other programmes of the State Governments.

The Prime Minister has also suggested that land Tribunals consisting of revenue official and non-official representatives drawn from SCs, STs and other landless poor may be set up to deal with the matters relating to land and its distribution to the poor.

Production cost of paddy

622. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA:
SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of production of paddy in the main paddy growing State during the year 1989-90;

(b) whether the marketing expenditure has been included in the proforma of cost of production; and

(c) the support price of paddy declared by Government in 1989-90 and 1990-91?